

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1164

Introduced by Assembly Member Berg
(Coauthor: Senator Chesbro)

February 21, 2003

An act to add Section 767.8 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to fiber optics networks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1164, as introduced, Berg. Fiber optics: high speed Internet access.

Existing law provides that whenever a public utility and a cable television corporation or association of cable television corporations are unable to agree upon the terms, conditions, or annual compensation for pole attachments or the terms, conditions, or costs of rearrangements, the Public Utilities Commission shall establish and enforce the rates, terms, and conditions for pole attachments and rearrangements so as to assure a public utility the recovery of specified funds. Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that public utilities and publicly owned utilities be fairly and adequately compensated for the use of their rights-of-way and easements for the installation of fiber optic cable and that electric public utilities and publicly owned utilities have the ability, if they so desire, to negotiate access to those fiber optic cables for their own use.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to establish policies, in subsequent legislation, to promote high speed access to the Internet by means of fiber optics networks.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 709.8 is added to the Public Utilities
2 Code, to read:
3 709.8. It is the intent of the Legislature, in subsequent
4 legislation, to establish policies to promote high speed access to
5 the Internet by means of fiber optics networks.

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